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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BEXP EG  
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FISHERIES INFORMATION

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED JANUARY 14, 1977 FROM BOSTON DISTRICT OFFICE, USDOC, WHICH ASKS FOR INFORMATION ON EGYPTIAN IMPORT REGULATIONS AND DETAILED STATISTICAL DATA RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS. BOSTON OFFICE REQUEST IS BASED ON ANTICIPATION BY THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) OF A "REVITALIZATION OF THE AMERICAN FISHING INDUSTRY" AS A RESULT OF TWO HUNDRED MILE FISHERIES LIMITS UNDER U.S. LAW.

2. EMBASSY'S JUDGEMENT IS THAT POTENTIAL FOR MARKETING OF AMERICAN FISH PRODUCTS IN EGYPT AT THIS TIME IS LIMITED FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, PARTICULARLY EXISTENCE OF BILATERAL CLEARING ACCOUNT MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE, THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLIERS, AS SHOWN BELOW.

3. FOLLOWING ARE MOST RECENT DATA AVAILABLE (1974) ON EGYPT'S FISH IMPORTS:

FROM	VALUE (L.E.)
U.S.A.	2,144
SPAIN	40,791
HOLLAND	5,302

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U.S.S.R.	1,960,613
BULGARIA	225,354
ROMANIA	290,723
PEOPLES REP. OF CHINA	61,853
LEBANON	21,362
TOTAL	2,608,142

SOURCE: GOE CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILIZATION AND

STATISTICS. NOTE: L.E. 1 EQUALS \$2.56 AT OFFICIAL RATE.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THE BOSTON OFFICE BE INFORMED OF FOREGOING, WITH SUGGESTION THAT FOR FURTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION, REQUEST BE DIRECTED THROUGH APPROPRIATE USDOC AND STATE CHANNELS.

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